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FULL TEXT OF ARTICLE:

- 1. [Text] San Salvador, 13 Dec (AFP)—The Society of Jesus reaffirmed that the information available to them concerning the assassination of six Jesuit priests and their two maids on 16 November in San Salvador 'continues to point toward members of the Armed Forces.''
- 2. In a communique issued last night in San Salvador, the Jesuits pointed out that information gathered over the past few weeks clearly indicates that ''the criminals acted like people under protection.''
- 3. Almost a month ago, Ignacio Ellacuria, rector of the Central American University (UCA), headquartered in San Salvador; five other Jesuit priests; and two maids working for them at their residence were killed by 30 men wearing camouflage military uniforms.
- 4. The sole witness, Lucia de Cerna, was recently taken to the United States. Monsignor Arturo Rivera y Damas, archbishop of San Salvador, denounced on 10 December that she had been harrassed and pressured by her interrogators.
- 5. However, [words indistinct] that any Armed Forces member would have killed innocent clergymen and their maids in cold blood.
- 6. The military man added that the death squads will be investigated, although they ''do not really exist because they are a creation of the FMLN [Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front]. In any case, the squads would be made up of FMLN members.''
- 7. To back up his claim concerning the perpetrators of the multiple assassination, Montano pointed out that the Salvadoran insurgency has organized special commando units to kill ''personalities, politicians, military men, and officials.''
- 8. However, in its communique the Society of Jesus stated that it has received 'excellent' information from the archbishopric's Legal Assistance Office, but it has 'received little information about the investigation from those who are conducting it,' in reference to official efforts.

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9. In stating that 'there is still time to learn the truth,'' the Society of Jesus said that solving the assassination case 'is very important to achieving peace with a minimum of trust in justice.''